

Status of the Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A squirrel proof bird feeder, comprising:
 - (a) a base;
 - (b) one or more feeding chambers, wherein one end of said chambers are securely affixed to said base;
 - (c) a top locking device, wherein an end of said chambers opposite to said base are securely disposed within said top locking device; and
 - (d) a guard that is disposed along a surface of said top locking device, wherein said guard has one or more guard units, wherein units in apposition are securely adjoined to one another, and wherein said guard extends ~~over~~ beyond a feeding chamber so as to prevent said squirrel from accessing said feeding chamber.
2. (New) The feeder of claim 1, wherein said one or more guard units comprise three individual units.
3. (New) The feeder of claim 1, wherein said one or more feeding chambers comprise three feeding chambers.
4. (New) The feeder of claim 1, wherein said one or more feeding chambers further comprise one or more portals.
5. (New) The feeder of claim 4, wherein said portals have disposed thereon a perch.
6. (New) The feeder of claim 1, wherein said chambers are securely affixed to said base via a snap-fit mechanism.
7. (New) The feeder of claim 1 further comprising a dome, wherein said dome covers the top of said feeding chambers.
8. (New) The feeder of claim 7, wherein said dome is independent of said guard.

9. (New) The feeder of claim 7, wherein said dome is part of said guard.
10. (New) The feeder of claim 1, wherein said guard is removably disposed on said feeder.